

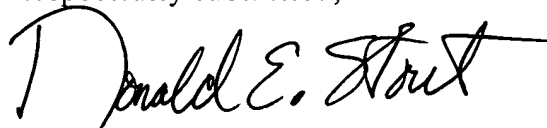
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REMARKS

In the specification, the first paragraph has been amended to reference a claim for priority to the parent application, and also to update the existing reference to a related application. Additionally, claims 1, 5, and 11 have been amended, claims 10, 13, and 15-20 have been canceled, and new claim 24 has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-9, 11-12, 14, and 21-24 are pending.

Prompt examination of this continuation application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Donald E. Stout". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "D".

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